

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The committee amendment is substantial. In fact, the committee amendment now becomes the bill. The committee amendment would allow a surviving spouse, you have this automobile that is registered as joint tenancy, and one spouse dies, then this would allow the surviving spouse to sell that vehicle without getting the title transferred to the spouse's name before it is sold. It eliminates an unnecessary step in the process. Any joint tenancy would be allowed to do that in the case of one of the tenants death. The amendment strikes all the new language from the bill and provides that the surviving owner of a jointly owned motor vehicle may transfer title to a subsequent purchaser by making assignment of the title and providing satisfactory proof of death of the deceased owner. There was no opposition. This amendment grew out of the public testimony and was supported by all the people that appeared. I would move the adoption of the committee amendment, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Chairman Lamb. Before recognizing Senator Moore on the committee amendments, the Chair is pleased to announce that Senator Peterson has under the south balcony visitors from Denver, his daughter Karen Kahler, and grandchildren, Pam, Becky, and Aaron. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us this morning. Senator Moore on the amendments, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise today to support the committee amendments. These amendments solve the problem that some of my county officials had with the bill in the fact that the bill in its original form really accomplished very little. By adopting these amendments, you eliminate an extra step and allow the surviving spouse to automatically get the title, and whereas eliminating the fee was a good effort, it actually didn't solve the problem, and by adopting the committee amendments, you solve the problems as my county officials have explained it to me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, members, Senator Lamb, as I understand the committee amendment, there would be...say I were to die and my wife is on the title with me, there would be no need for her to do anything until she wanted to sell the car, is